



National
Multiple Sclerosis
Society
Michigan Chapter

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The Honorable Mike Callton, Chair
House Health Policy Committee
Michigan House
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Representative Callton:

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan supports SB 502, a bill to amend the False Claims Act. We encourage the House Health Policy Committee to support the bill when it comes before the committee.

Individuals with multiple sclerosis (MS) face costs for medical services required to receive some treatments that delay progression of MS, depending on the treatment best suited to their condition. These service costs can be hundreds or thousands of dollars annually depending on insurance copays and deductibles. Some manufacturers offer patient assistance programs to help deter the cost to the individual; however, it is currently not possible for manufacturers to provide assistance for the cost of medical services in Michigan. The passage of SB502 will make it possible for Michigan residents with MS to benefit from patient assistance programs for medical services.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to the discussion of SB502. We appreciate your commitment to improving health care access and services for all people in Michigan. If you have any questions you can reach our chapter staff at (517) 339-6002.

Sincerely,

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Leonard Bertin, Chairperson
Government Relations Committee

cc: House Health Policy Committee Members